# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



# FISCAL NOTE

# SB 2166 - HB 2494

February 13, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes private colleges or universities having a main campus of one-thousand or more acres located in an incorporated municipality with no police force to employ and commission campus police officers for the main campus, provided the sheriff of the county appoints the officers as special deputies in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-8-212 and defines the geographical limitations of police power of the special deputies. Specifies that the sheriff's department is immune from suit by anyone incurring any wrong, injury, loss, damage, or expense resulting from any act or failure to act on the part of any special deputy commissioned as a campus police officer by a private college or university. Requires the individuals appointed as special deputies or commissioned as campus police officers to prove to the sheriff their financial responsibility in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-8-303(c). States that this subsection does not entitle the campus police officers to any public funding for training or other purposes.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

### Assumptions:

- Public colleges and universities will not be impacted.
- Any expense related to the employment of campus police officers under this section will be the responsibility of the private university or college.
- Any increase in local expenditures for the sheriff to appoint special deputies and define the geographical limits of their police power will be not significant.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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